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Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention generally pertains to injection molding of cable ties and is particularly directed to methods and apparatus for reducing the cycle time for injection molding of cable ties.

[0002] A cable tie is an adjustable strap for bundling together articles such as cables or the like. Cable ties are also known as cable straps, cable clamps, cable clips, bundling ties, bundling straps, bundling clips, bundle ties, bundling belts, wire ties, ring clamps, adjustable clamps, harnessing devices, strap seals, binding straps, and ties. A typical cable tie includes an elongated strap with an adjacent locking head at one end of the strap, a tip at the opposite end of the strap and ratchet teeth on one side of the strap. The locking head defines an opening for allowing the tip end of the strap to be pulled through the opening and thereby form a closed loop around a bundle of articles. The locking head typically further includes a pawl having teeth with surfaces for engaging the ratchet teeth to lock the strap in the locking head after the tip end of the strap has been pulled through said opening. Examples of cable ties are described in United States Patents Nos. 3739429, 3924299, 3965538, 4473524, and 4573242.

[0003] Cable ties are manufactured economically by a cyclic injection molding method, in which molten plastic material is injected into a mold cavity defining the cable tie and then allowed to solidify within the mold cavity. The mold parts defining the mold cavity are then separated and the cable tie is ejected, first from the mold parts and then from the space between the mold parts. A preferred material for cable ties is nylon.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention provides methods and apparatus for rapid injection molding of cable ties and further provides the cable ties made according to said methods.

[0005] In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a method of injection molding a cable tie having a head and a strap, includes the steps of (a) forming the cable tie by injecting molten plastic material into a mold cavity defined between a first mold part and a second mold part, wherein the first mold part includes a head region defining a portion of the head of the cable tie; (b) separating the first mold part from the second mold part while retaining said portion of the head of the cable tie in the head region of the first mold part; (c) ejecting the head of the cable tie from the first mold part; (d) protracting a nozzle positioned closely adjacent said head region from the first mold part; and (e) ejecting the cable tie from between the first and second mold parts by imparting against the ejected head of the cable tie a forceful fluid stream directed from the nozzle.

[0006] In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, a method of injection molding a cable tie having a head and a strap, includes the steps of (a) forming the cable tie by injecting molten plastic material into a mold cavity defined between a first mold part and a second mold part, wherein the first mold part includes a head region defining a portion of the head of the cable tie; (b) separating the first mold part from the second mold part while retaining said portion of the head of the cable tie in the head region of the first mold part; (c) ejecting the head of the cable tie from the head region in the first mold part by pushing on the head with at least one ejector disposed to penetrate the head region from within the first mold part; and (d) pushing the ejected head of the cable tie away from said at least one ejector by pushing on the strap of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a component protracted from within the first mold part.

[0007] The invention also includes apparatus for injection molding a cable tie having a head and a strap, comprising

a first mold part and a second mold part, which when combined, define a mold cavity between said mold parts for forming the cable tie, wherein the first mold part includes a head region defining a portion of the head of the cable tie;
means for injecting molten plastic material into the mold cavity to form the cable tie;
wherein the first mold part is separable from the second mold part while retaining said portion of the head of the cable tie in the head region of the first mold part;
means for ejecting the head of the cable tie from the first mold part after the first mold part is separated from the second mold part; and
means for ejecting the cable tie from between the first and second mold parts by imparting against the ejected head of the cable to a forceful fluid stream directed from a closely adjacent nozzle protracted from the first mold part.

[0008] A still further aspect of the invention comprises apparatus for injection molding a cable tie having a head and a strap, comprising

a first mold part and a second mold part, which when combined, define a mold cavity between said mold parts for forming the cable tie, wherein the first mold part includes a head region defining a portion of the head of the cable tie;
means for injecting molten plastic material into the mold cavity to form the cable tie;
wherein the first mold part is separable from the second mold part while retaining said portion of the head of the cable tie in the head region of the first mold part;
means for ejecting the head of the cable tie from the

first mold part by pushing on the head with at least one ejector disposed to penetrate the head region from within the first mold part; and means for pushing the ejected head of the cable tie away from said at least one ejector by pushing on the strap of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a component protracted from within the first mold part.

[0009] Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in relation to the description of the preferred embodiment.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

[0010] Figure 1 is a sectional view of a preferred embodiment of the mold apparatus of the present invention, with the mold parts being combined to define the mold cavity for forming a cable tie.

[0011] Figure 2 is a sectional view taken along lines 2-2 in Figure 1 of a portion of the mold cavity, without the cable tie being present therein.

[0012] Figure 3 is a view of that portion of Figure 1 illustrated the juncture of the runner system with the mold cavity, with such portion being enlarged to illustrate the gate by which the runner system communicates with the mold cavity.

[0013] Figure 4 is a sectional view of the mold apparatus of Figure 1, with the mold parts being separated and the cable tie being partially removed from the mold cavity.

[0014] Figure 5 is a sectional view of the mold apparatus of Figures 1 and 4, with the mold parts being further separated and the tip of cable tie being completely separated from the mold cavity.

[0015] Figure 6 is a sectional view of the mold apparatus of Figures 1, 4 and 5, with the mold parts being further separated and the cable tie being completely ejected from the mold cavity.

[0016] Figure 7 is a sectional view of the mold apparatus of Figures 1, 4, 5 and 6, with the cable tie being ejected from between the mold parts by a forceful fluid stream directed from a closely adjacent nozzle after the cable tie is completely ejected from the mold cavity and separated from the ejector pins.

[0017] The various features shown in the drawing are not drawn to scale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0018] Referring to Figure 1, a preferred embodiment of the injection molding apparatus of the present invention includes a first mold part 10 and a second mold part 12. The first mold part 10 is combined with second mold part 12 to define a mold cavity 14 for forming a cable tie 16. The cable tie has a head 18 and a strap 20 terminating in a tip 22 for passing through the head 18. The portion of the mold cavity 14 defined by the second mold

part 12 defines a series of teeth 23 on one side of the strap 20.

[0019] The first mold part 10 includes a head region 24 defining a major portion of the head 18 of the cable tie; and the second mold part 12 includes a tip region 26 defining a portion of the tip 22 of the cable tie. The tip region 26 extends at an angle from a portion 28 of the mold cavity 14 defining most of the strap 20, with said extension being directed away from the bulk of the first mold part 10.

[0020] Referring to Figure 2, the tip region 26 includes an undercut region 30 from which the portion of the tip 22 formed therein can be removed only by sliding the tip 22 from the undercut region 30 by pulling the strap 20 of the cable tie 16 from the direction of the head 18.

[0021] Again referring to Figure 1, the first mold part 10 further includes a pair of protractable ejector pins 32 and a protractable component 34 containing a nozzle 36 and an air passage 38 that communicates with a source of compressed air (not shown). The ejector pins 32 are disposed to penetrate the head region 18 from within the first mold part 10, when the ejector pins 32 are protracted.

[0022] The second mold part 12 includes a runner system 40, through which molten plastic material, such as Nylon 6.6, is injected into the mold cavity 14 to form the cable tie 16.

[0023] Referring to Figure 3, the runner system 40 is an insulated runner system that communicates with the mold cavity 14 through a gate 42 that converges toward the mold cavity 14 through only the gate 42 and not through a sprue cavity for forming an ejectable sprue, whereby no ejectable sprue is formed.

[0024] Unlike prior art apparatus for injection molding cable ties, the converging gate 42 does not have a hot tip adjacent thereto for applying heat to the plastic being injected into the mold cavity 14. A heated tip is unnecessary because of the shortness of the injection cycle achieved in accordance with the method of the present invention. Heretofore, it has not been possible to injection mold nylon products as light as from one to five grams while using an insulated runner system without heated tips. Through use of the present invention, it has been proven possible to injection mold products in a range of one to five grams at a weight per cycle-time-squared of from 0.1 to 0.5 grams per square second.

[0025] By providing a gate 42 that converges toward the mold cavity 14, the cable tie 16 separates from the molten plastic at the edge 44 of the mold cavity 14 when the cable tie is separated from the mold cavity 14 to thereby at least substantially reduce the size of any gate spill formed on the cable tie 16. The method of the present invention has been successfully practised with a gate opening diameter at the edge 44 of the mold cavity 14 being with a range of between approximately 1.5mm and approximately 2.5mm, and with the angle of convergence between the walls of the gate 42 being within a range of between approximately 15 degrees

and approximately 30 degrees. A gate opening diameter of 1.8mm and an angle of convergence of 22 degrees are preferred when injecting Nylon 6.6.

[0026] Referring to Figure 4, the first mold part 10 is separated from the second mold part 12 while retaining the major portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part and a portion of the tip 22 of the cable tie 16 in the undercut region 30 of the second mold part 12, in order to separate the head 18 of the cable tie from the second mold part 12, to separate the tip 22 from the first mold part 10, and to separate a major portion of the strap 20 of the cable tie 16 from both the first and second mold parts 10,12. By retaining a portion of the head 18 in the first mold part 10 and a portion of the tip 22 in the second mold part 12, while the first and second mold parts 10,12 are separated from each other, the major portion of the strap 20 is quickly peeled from the first and second mold parts 10,12 to reduce the ejection portion of the overall cycle time.

[0027] Referring to Figure 5, the first mold part 10 is further separated from the second mold part 12 while still retaining the major portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part 10 to thereby remove the tip 22 of the cable tie from the tip region 26 of the second mold part 12 by pulling the strap 20 of the cable tie 16 from the direction of the head 18 to slide the tip 22 from the undercut region 30. It is noted that due to such pulling action, the angle at which the tip 22 of the cable tie 16 extends away from a straight line along most of the length of the strap 20 is less than the angle at which the tip region 26 of the mold cavity defining most of the length of the strip 20.

[0028] Referring to Figure 6, the first mold part 10 is further separated from the second mold part 12, and the ejector pins 32 are protracted to eject the head 18 of the cable tie 16 from the head region 24 of the first mold part 10 by pushing on the head 18 with the ejector pins 32. At the same time the component 34 is also protracted to push on the strap 20 of the cable tie 16 at a position that is closely adjacent the head 18.

[0029] Referring to Figure 7, the first mold part 10 is further separated from the second mold part 12, and only the component 34 is further protracted to push the ejected head 18 of the cable tie 16 away from the ejector pins 32 by pushing on the strap 20 of the cable tie at the position that is closely adjacent the head 18. The ejector pins 32 are not further protracted. A forceful stream of air is then imparted on the head 18 from the closely adjacent nozzle 36 within the protracted component 34 to thereby quickly eject the cable tie 16 from between the first and second mold parts 10,12.

[0030] The stream of air from the nozzle 36 also cools the head 18 of the cable tie so that the cable tie can be ejected at an earlier time in the overall cycle.

[0031] The present invention obviates the need for ejection pins along most of the length of the mold cavity 14, as used in the prior art.

[0032] The present invention preferably is used in multi-cavity injection molding apparatus.

5 Claims

1. A method of injection molding a cable tie 16 having a head 18 and a strap 20, the method comprising the steps of

(a) forming the cable tie 16 by injecting molten plastic material into a mold cavity 14 defined between a first mold part 10 and a second mold part 12, wherein the first mold part includes a head region 24 defining a portion of the head 18 of the cable tie;

(b) separating the first mold part 10 from the second mold part 12 while retaining said portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part;

(c) ejecting the head 18 of the cable tie 16 from the first mold part 10;

(d) protracting a nozzle 36 positioned closely adjacent said head region 24 from the first mold part 10; and

(e) ejecting a cable tie 16 from between the first and second mold parts 10,12 by imparting against the ejected head 18 of the cable tie a forceful fluid stream directed from the nozzle 36.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of

(f) pushing the ejected head 18 of the cable tie (16) away from the first mold part 10 by pushing on the strap 20 of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a protracted component 34 containing the nozzle 36.

3. A method of injection molding cable tie 16 having a head 18 and a strap 20, the method comprising the steps of

(a) forming the cable tie 16 by injecting molten plastic material into a mold cavity 14 defined between a first mold part 10 and a second mold part 12, wherein the first mold part includes a head region 24 defining a portion of the head 18 of the cable tie;

(b) separating the first mold part 10 from the second mold part 12 while retaining said portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part;

(c) ejecting the head 18 of the cable tie from the head region 24 of the first mold part 10 by pushing on the head with at least one ejector 32 disposed to penetrate the head region from within the first mold part; and

(d) pushing the ejected head 18 of the cable tie 16 away from said at least one ejector 32 by pushing on the strap 20 of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a component 34 protracted from within the first mold part.

4. Apparatus for injection molding a cable tie 16 having a head 18 and a strap 20, comprising

a first mold part 10 and a second mold part 12, which when combined, define a mold cavity 14 between said mold parts for forming the cable tie 16, wherein the first mold part includes a head region 24 defining a portion of the head 18 of the cable tie;

means 40 for injecting molten plastic material into the mold cavity 14 to form the cable tie 16; wherein the first mold part 10 is separable from the second mold part 12 while retaining said portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part;

means 32 for ejecting the head 18 of the cable tie 16 from the first mold part 10 after the first mold part is separated from the second mold part 12; and

means for ejecting the cable tie 16 from between the first and second mold parts 10, 12 by imparting against the ejected head 18 of the cable tie a forceful fluid stream directed from a closely adjacent nozzle 36 protracted from the first mold part.

5. Apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising means for pushing the ejected head 18 of the cable tie 16 away from the first mold part 10 by pushing on the strap 20 of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a protracted component 34 containing the nozzle 36.

6. Apparatus for injection molding a cable tie 16 having a head 18 and a strap 20, comprising

a first mold part 10 and a second mold part 12, which when combined, define a mold cavity 14 between said mold parts for forming the cable tie 16, wherein the first mold part includes a head region 24 defining a portion of the head 18 of the cable tie;

means 40 for injecting molten plastic material into the mold cavity 14 to form the cable tie 16; wherein the first mold part 10 is separable from the second mold part 12 while retaining said portion of the head 18 of the cable tie 16 in the head region 24 of the first mold part;

means for ejecting the head 18 of the cable tie 16 from the first mold part 10 by pushing on the head 18 with at least one ejector 32 disposed

to penetrate the head region 24 from within the first mold part; and

means for pushing the ejected head 18 of the cable tie 16 away from said at least one ejector 32 by pushing on the strap 20 of the cable tie at a position that is closely adjacent the head with a component 34 protracted from within the first mold part.

Patentansprüche

1. Verfahren zum Spritzgießen eines Kabelbinders 16 mit einem Kopf 18 und einem Band 20, wobei das Verfahren die Schritte aufweist,

(a) den Kabelbinder 16 durch Einspritzen von geschmolzenem Kunststoff in einen Formhohlraum 14 auszubilden, der zwischen einem ersten Formteil 10 und einem zweiten Formteil 12 gebildet wird, wobei das erste Formteil einen Kopfbereich 24 aufweist, der einen Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders begrenzt,

(b) das erste Formteil 10 von dem zweiten Formteil 12 zu trennen, während der Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 in dem Kopfbereich 24 des ersten Formteils zurückgehalten wird,

(c) den Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders 16 aus dem ersten Formteil 10 auszuwerfen,

(d) eine Düse 36, die nahe angrenzend an dem Kopfbereich 24 angeordnet ist, aus dem ersten Formteil 10 auszufahren, und

(e) einen Kabelbinder 16 aus dem Raum zwischen dem ersten und zweiten Formteil 10, 12 durch Anlegen eines kräftigen, von der Düse 36 gegen den ausgeworfenen Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders aus gerichteten Fluidstroms auszuwerfen.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, welches weiterhin den Schritt aufweist,

(f) den ausgeworfenen Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders 16 von dem ersten Formteil 10 dadurch wegzudrücken, daß auf das Band 20 des Kabelbinders an einer Stelle, die sich in unmittelbarer Nähe des Kopfes befindet, mit einem die Düse 36 enthaltenden ausgefahrenen Bauteil 34 gedrückt wird.

3. Verfahren zum Spritzgießen eines Kabelbinders 16 mit einem Kopf 18 und einem Band 20, wobei das Verfahren die Schritte aufweist,

(a) den Kabelbinder 16 durch Einspritzen von geschmolzenem Kunststoff in einen Formhohlraum 14 auszubilden, der zwischen einem ersten Formteil 10 und einem zweiten Formteil 12 gebildet wird, wobei das erste Formteil einen

Kopfbereich 24 hat, der einen Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders begrenzt,

(b) das erste Formteil 10 von dem zweiten Formteil 12 zu trennen, während der Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 in dem Kopfbereich 24 des ersten Formteils zurückgehalten wird,

(c) den Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders aus dem Kopfbereich 24 des ersten Formteils 10 dadurch auszuwerfen, daß auf den Kopf mit wenigstens einem Auswerfer 32 gedrückt wird, der so angeordnet ist, daß er in den Kopfbereich von innerhalb des ersten Formteils aus eindringt und

(d) den ausgeworfenen Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders 16 von dem wenigstens einen Auswerfer 32 dadurch wegzudrücken, daß auf das Band 20 des Kabelbinders an einer Stelle in unmittelbarer Nähe des Kopfs mit einem Bauteil 34 gedrückt wird, das von innerhalb des ersten Formteils ausgefahren wird.

4. Vorrichtung zum Spritzgießen eines Kabelbinders 16, der einen Kopf 18 und ein Band 20 aufweist,

- mit einem ersten Formteil 10 und einem zweiten Formteil 12, die, wenn sie zusammengefügt sind, einen Formhohlraum 14 zwischen den Formteilen bilden, um den Kabelbinder 16 auszuformen, wobei das erste Formteil einen Kopfbereich 24 hat, der einen Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders begrenzt,
- mit Einrichtungen 40 zum Einspritzen von geschmolzenem Kunststoff in den Formhohlraum 14 zur Bildung des Kabelbinders 16,
- wobei das erste Formteil 10 von dem zweiten Formteil 12 trennbar ist, während der Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 in dem Kopfbereich 24 des ersten Formteils zurückgehalten wird,
- mit Einrichtungen 32 zum Auswerfen des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 aus dem ersten Formteil 10, nachdem das erste Formteil von dem zweiten Formteil 12 getrennt ist, und
- mit Einrichtungen zum Auswerfen des Kabelbinders 16 aus dem Raum zwischen dem ersten und zweiten Formteil 10, 12 durch Anlegen eines kräftigen Fluidstroms, der von einer Düse 16 in unmittelbarer Nähe aus gerichtet wird, welche aus dem ersten Formteil ausgefahren ist, gegen den ausgeworfenen Kopf 18 des Kabelbinders.

5. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 4, welche weiterhin Einrichtungen zum Drücken des ausgeworfenen Kopfes 18 des Kabelbinders 16 weg von dem ersten Formteil 10 durch Drücken auf das Band 20 des Kabelbinders an einer Stelle unmittelbar angrenzend

an den Kopf mit einem ausgefahrenen Bauteil 34 aufweist, welches die Düse 36 enthält.

6. Vorrichtung zum Spritzgießen eines Kabelbinders 16, der einen Kopf 18 und ein Band 20 aufweist,

- mit einem ersten Formteil 10 und einem zweiten Formteil 12, die, wenn sie zusammengefügt sind, einen Formhohlraum 14 zwischen den Formteilen bilden, um den Kabelbinder 16 auszuformen, wobei das erste Formteil einen Kopfbereich 24 hat, der einen Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders begrenzt,
- mit Einrichtungen 40 zum Einspritzen von geschmolzenem Kunststoff in den Formhohlraum 14 zur Bildung des Kabelbinders 16,
- wobei das erste Formteil 10 von dem zweiten Formteil 12 trennbar ist, während der Abschnitt des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 in dem Kopfbereich 24 des ersten Formteils zurückgehalten ist,
- mit Einrichtungen zum Auswerfen des Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 aus dem ersten Formteil 10 durch Drücken auf den Kopf 18 mit wenigstens einem Auswerfer 32, der so angeordnet ist, daß er in den Kopfbereich 24 von innerhalb des ersten Formteils aus eindringt, und
- mit Einrichtungen zum Drücken des ausgeworfenen Kopfs 18 des Kabelbinders 16 weg von dem wenigstens einen Auswerfer 32 durch Drücken auf das Band 20 des Kabelbinders an einer Stelle in unmittelbarer Nähe des Kopfs mit einem Bauteil 34, das aus dem Inneren des ersten Formteils ausgefahren ist.

Revendications

1. Procédé de moulage par injection d'un collier de serrage (16) pour câble comportant une tête (18) et une languette (20), le procédé comprenant les étapes consistant à

(a) former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble en injectant une matière plastique fondue dans une cavité de moule (14) définie entre une première partie de moule (10) et une seconde partie de moule (12), la première partie de moule comprenant une zone de tête (24) définissant une partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage pour câble;

(b) séparer la première partie de moule (10) de la seconde partie de moule (12) tout en retenant ladite partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble dans la zone de tête (24) de la première partie de moule;

(c) éjecter la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble hors de la première partie de moule

- (10);
 (d) fait ressortir une buse (36) directement adjacente à ladite zone de tête (24) à partir de la première partie de moule (10); et
 (e) éjecter un collier de serrage (16) pour câble de la zone située entre les première et seconde parties de moule (10,12) en appliquant sur la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage pour câble un jet de fluide appliqué à force et dirigé à partir de la buse (36).
2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, comprenant en outre l'étape consistant à
 (f) repousser la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble en l'écartant de la première partie de moule (10), en appuyant sur la languette (20) du collier de serrage pour câble dans une position qui est directement adjacente à la tête, au moyen d'un composant saillant (34) contenant la buse (36).
3. Procédé de moulage par injection d'un collier de serrage (16) pour câble comportant une tête (18) et une languette (20), le procédé comprenant les étapes consistant à:
 (a) former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble en injectant une matière plastique fondue dans une cavité de moule (14) définie entre une première partie de moule (10) et une seconde partie de moule (12), la première partie de moule comprenant une zone de tête (24) définissant une partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage pour câble;
 (b) séparer la première partie de moule (10) de la seconde partie de moule (12) tout en retenant ladite partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble dans la zone de tête (24) de la première partie de moule;
 (c) éjecter la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble à partir de la zone de tête (24) de la première partie de moule (10) en appuyant sur la tête à l'aide d'au moins un éjecteur (32) disposé de manière à pénétrer dans la zone de tête à partir de l'intérieur de la première partie de moule; et
 (d) repousser la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble en l'écartant de la première partie de moule (10), en appuyant sur la languette (20) du collier de serrage pour câble dans une position qui est directement adjacente à la tête, au moyen d'un composant (34) qui fait saillie à partir de l'intérieur de la première partie de moule.
4. Dispositif pour le moulage par injection d'un collier de serrage (16) pour câble comportant une tête (18) et une languette (20), comprenant
- une première partie de moule (10) et une seconde partie de moule (12) qui, lorsqu'elles sont combinées, définissent une cavité de moule (14) entre lesdites parties de moule de manière à former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble, la première partie de moule comprenant une zone de tête (24) définissant une partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage pour câble; des moyens (40) pour injecter une matière plastique fondue dans la cavité de moule (14) de manière à former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble;
 la première partie de moule (10) étant séparable de la seconde partie de moule (12), tout en retenant ladite partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble dans la zone de tête (24) de la première partie de moule;
 des moyens (32) pour éjecter la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble à partir de la première partie de moule (10) une fois que la première partie de moule a été séparée de la seconde partie de moule (12); et
 des moyens pour éjecter le collier de serrage (16) pour câble de la zone située entre les première et seconde parties de moule (10, 12) par application, à la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage pour câble, d'un jet de fluide appliqué à force et dirigé à partir d'une buse étroitement adjacente (36) qui fait saillie à partir de la première partie de moule.
5. Dispositif selon la revendication 4, comprenant en outre
 des moyens pour repousser la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble en l'écartant de la première partie de moule (10) en appuyant sur la languette (20) du collier de serrage pour câble dans une position qui est directement adjacente à la tête, au moyen d'un composant saillant (34) contenant la buse (36).
6. Dispositif pour le moulage par injection d'un collier de serrage (16) pour câble comportant une tête (18) et une languette (20), comprenant
- une première partie de moule (10) et une seconde partie de moule (12) qui, lorsqu'elles sont combinées, définissent une cavité de moule (14) entre lesdites parties de moule de manière à former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble, la première partie de moule comprenant une zone de tête (24) définissant une partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage pour câble; des moyens (40) pour injecter la matière plastique fondue dans la cavité de moule (14) de manière à former le collier de serrage (16) pour câble;
 auquel cas on peut séparer la première partie

de moule (10) de la seconde partie de moule (12), tout en retenant ladite partie de la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble dans la zone de tête (24) de la première partie de moule;

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des moyens (32) pour éjecter la tête (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble à partir de la première partie de moule (10) par application d'une poussée à la tête (18), au moins un éjecteur (39) étant disposé de manière à pénétrer dans la zone de tête (24) à partir de l'intérieur de la première partie de moule; et

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des moyens pour repousser la tête éjectée (18) du collier de serrage (16) pour câble en l'écartant de la première partie de moule (10), par application d'une poussée à la languette (20) du collier de serrage pour câble dans une position qui est directement adjacente à la tête, au moyen d'un composant (34) qui fait saillie à partir de l'intérieur de la première partie de moule.

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FIG. 1

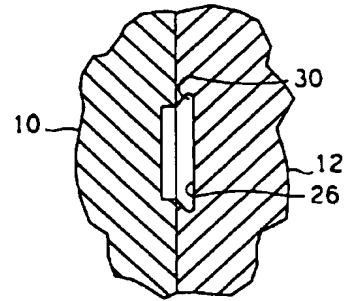
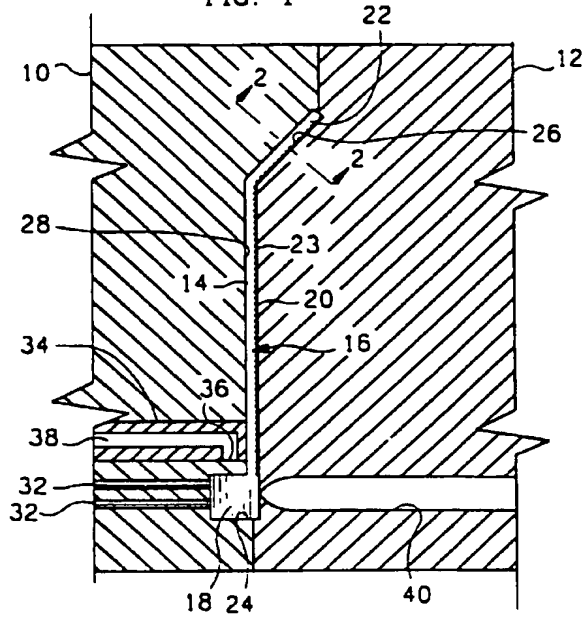


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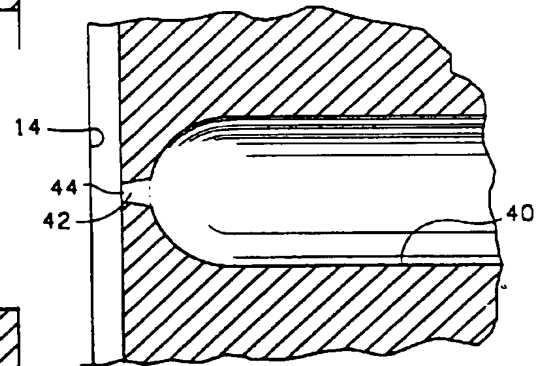


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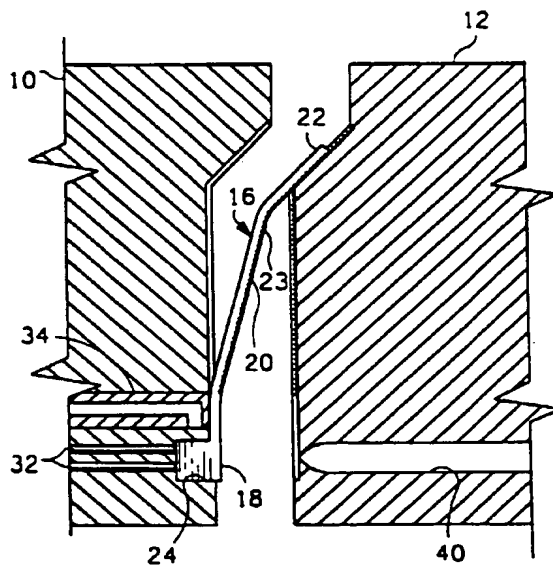


FIG. 4

